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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of documents (13) to (17) are enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,293,714
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,507,411
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,671,066 B1
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,671,066 B2
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,833,930
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 7,218,413

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- (7) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/002957
- (8) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/053083
- (9) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/052662

- (10) EP 0971532 A2
- (11) EP 0971532 B1
- (12) EP 1744538

- (13) JP 11-065788
- (14) JP 11-165455
- (15) JP 2000-025277
- (16) JP 2000-043362
- (17) JP 2000-056942

Applicant submits that documents (13) to (17) were cited in a Japanese Office Action during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. Applicant submits that the Japanese Office Action is dated October 7, 2008.

Documents (1) and (7) are believed to be English-language counterparts for document (13), documents (2), (5), (6), (8), (9), (10), (11) and (12) are believed to be English-language counterparts for document (15), document (3) is believed to be an English-language counterpart for document (17), and document (4) is believed to be an English-language counterpart for document (16). A search of public databases did not identify any existing English-language counterparts for document (14).

In addition, English-language abstracts accompany each of documents (13) to (17). The concise explanation of relevance for non-English language documents (13) to (17) is believed to be satisfied by the English-language counterparts and the English-language abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this Office has received a Final Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d). Thus, in view of the date of the aforementioned Japanese Office Action, it is hereby submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document cited in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. Additionally, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), a fee of \$180.00 accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing and returning a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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